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III Forks joins high-end steakhouse stampede

A high-end Dallas steakhouse outfit has stuck a fork in the local recession.

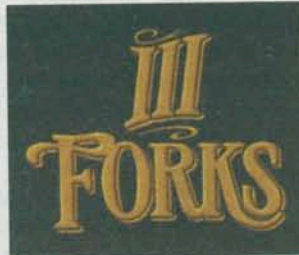
III Forks joined the posse of prime beef purveyors on Oct. 27 with a downtown restaurant in Houston Pavilions.

The 11,000-square-foot swanky restaurant aims to corral the well-heeled and those who still have expense accounts into more than 2,200 square feet of private dining space in four different rooms.

The main Legends Room boasts a 20-foot ceiling and is adorned with glowing brass bead chandeliers.

III Forks features more than 1,500 bottles of wine along with a dinner menu that includes the "Beef Market," which offers filet mignon, bone-in ribeye, New York strip and double cut pork chops.

Picky specifications for beef are a III Forks selling point. Restaurant officials say only six processors in the United States meet its standards for "prime" ranking by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which means that less than half a percent of all U.S. beef makes the III Forks grade. ■



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